IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION

No. 5:06-CV-397-FL

| LARRY BARBER, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, | } | |
| v. |) | ORDER |
| MICHAEL ASTRUE, |) | |
| Commissioner of Social Security, |) | |
| Defendant. |) | |
| |) | |

This matter is before the court on the Memorandum and Recommendation ("M&R") of United States Magistrate Judge E. S. Swearingen, regarding the parties' cross-motions for judgment on the pleadings. No objections to the M&R have been filed, and the time within which to make any objection has expired. This matter is ripe for ruling.

The court hereby ADOPTS the recommendation of Magistrate Judge Swearingen as its own, and, for the reasons stated therein, plaintiff's motion is DENIED, defendant's motion is GRANTED, and this matter is DISMISSED. The clerk of court is directed to close the case.

SO ORDERED, this _/(5 day of July, 2007.

LOUISE W. FLANAGAN
Chief United States District Lud